

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from May 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 71,047

Current number of adults: 54,197

Current number of children: 134,287

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,229

Closures in May:

total closures: 3,806

closures for 18 month time limits: 168

closures for sanctions: 791 (ask Kerry)

work-related sanctions: 740

other sanctions: 51

closures for employment: 1,061

Time limit closures since Families First started: 11,334

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,802

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$662.32

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.12

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.